

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/790,047	BONNER ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Gregory M. Desire	2624	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 8/9/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 39-40, 41, 42-43 and 44-45 (renumbered claims 1-2, 5, 3-4 and 6-7).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>9/26/06</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communication filed 8/9/06.

Response to Amendment

2. Examiner acknowledges of claims 1-30, 33 and 36-38.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows: Insert in specification page 1 line 1.

This application is a divisional of application 09/456,433 filed 12/8/99, now US patent 6,778,663.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard Stroup on 9/22/06.

The application has been amended as follows: Cancel claims 31-32 and 34-35.

Add claims

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42. (Currently amended) The method of claim [30] 39, wherein [said step of] transferring package routing information comprises [the step of] accessing a package information server [by said alias server].

43. (Currently amended) The method of claim [30] 39, wherein [said step of] transferring package routing information comprises [the step of] accessing a package tracking database [by said alias server].

44. (Currently amended) The computer system according of claim [33] 40, wherein the [transferring instruction further comprises the instruction] processor is further configured to use the program instructions to access a package information server when the processor transfers the package routing information [by said alias server].

45. (Currently amended) The computer system according of claim [33] 40, wherein the [transferring instruction further comprises the instruction] processor is further configured to use the program instructions to access a package tracking database when the processor transfers the package routing information [by said alias server].

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 39-40, 41, 42-43 and 44-45 (renumbered claims 1-2, 5, 3-4 and 6-7, respectively) are allowed.

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5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance for independent claims 39, 40 and 41. Prior art fails to disclose, database created using information obtained from an analysis of at least one package image. These features in combination with other features are not taught in the prior art. Claims 42-43 depend on claim 40. Therefore are also allowable. Claims 44-45 depend on claim 41. Therefore are also allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory M. Desire whose telephone number is (571) 272-7449. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-3:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on (571) 272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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